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In re Patent Application of:
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For: VEHICLE SURROUNDINGS MONITORING
APPARATUS AND TRAVELING CONTROL
SYSTEM INCORPORATING THE
APPARATUS

Examiner: R. M. Mancho

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In the Office Action mailed January 25, 2007, the Examiner has required an election between the following species:

Species A: the fourth means judges the deviation possibility according to frontal distance of the preceding vehicle from the own vehicle;

Species B: the fourth means judges the deviation possibility by judging that the preceding vehicle is farther than a prescribed distance; and

Species C: the fourth means judges the deviation possibility by providing a plurality of distance divisions ahead of the own vehicle.